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Chief, Tokyo Bureau  
Foreign Broadcast Information Service  
APO 500, c/o Postmaster  
San Francisco, California

Dear [redacted]

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This is in answer to your letter of 10 March 1948. I am glad to hear that your move to new quarters has progressed satisfactorily and that you feel that as far as space is concerned you may be better off in this new location. As you know, I felt that you needed more space, and with your Administrative Assistant coming over, who, it appears now will have to prepare payrolls for a larger group of people, I am sure this will work out better. If it becomes necessary to pay rent for the premises occupied I am sure I can arrange it but I want you to hold out for free space as long as possible.

I hope that your tests at Komuro have been completed. I will write you a separate letter outlining my reasons for returning Fern to Kauai immediately. The separate letter together with my messages of yesterday should impress you and all on your staff with the necessity for adherence to rules and regulations.

The dollar plan from here looks good. I think there is no doubt that we can pay the entire salaries of all of these people which should make them happier and render your operation a more efficient one. We are anxiously awaiting your detailed recommendation on this subject.

Orders have been issued for the transfer of [redacted] to your office and he should arrive in the near future. In this connection, I am also filling your one remaining editorial vacancy with [redacted] now at the Portland office. He will report to Tokyo after doing 30 days temporary duty in the new Reseda Station.

With reference to your trip to Korea, I requested in my report to G-2, a copy of which was sent to you, that you be permitted to go to Korea in the near future. This should be sufficient justification for your breaching the subject with G-2.

There was never any question about purchasing the teletype machine. However, I, personally, do not have authority to obligate funds in that amount which are not listed on the Table of Requirements without going through certain formalities here in Washington.

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I hope our delay did not inconvenience you.

With reference to ingrade raises, they do come through slowly. However, they are getting faster as time goes on. It is necessary for the supervisors to accomplish a conduct rating prior to issuing the ingrade raise. Such a form for Fern is enroute to you. In the light of his recent performance I could not give him a satisfactory report, I don't believe. When these raises are received, however, they are effective with the date the employee becomes eligible for the ingrade raise. Hence, he does not lose any money by the delay.

I am pleased that you have continued to maintain good relations with G-2 in Korea. It certainly will pay dividends in addition to the fact that we are most anxious to render service where it is needed.

I am sorry that the morale among your foreign nationals is not too good. I hope that my comments relative to taking them on our payroll will improve that situation and when this is done, it should be your opportunity to insist that they give you their full time and I hope it will be possible for you to expand your operation into a 24 hour a day job giving us the maximum possible coverage.

The Okinawa Project has been approved by the Director contingent upon a written statement by the Army Communications Service that they will handle our communications and upon our ability to encumber the necessary funds prior to 1 July 1948. We are working frantically on this in Washington and will keep you advised. If it works out, [ ] will be transferred to that location.

I am leaving the 10th for London, Cairo, Cyprus, and other points in Europe. I will be gone approximately five weeks. [ ] will be in charge during my absence.

Sincerely,

L. K. WHITE  
Chief, FBIB

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